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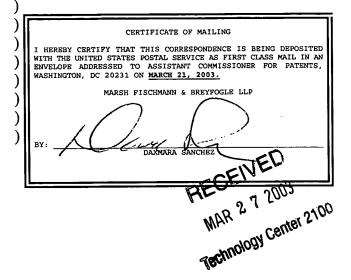
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Examiner: PHAM, HUNG Q.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT



Dear Sir:

In an Office Action having a mailing date of February 25, 2003, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement with regard to the above-identified patent application. Generally, the Examiner contends that Claims 1-9 (Group I), Claims 10-19 (Group II) and Claims 20-26 (Group III) are distinct inventions.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Claims 1-9 (Group I) in the present application. However, Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue Claims 10-26 in one or more subsequent divisional/continuation applications.

Although the Applicant believes that no fees are due for filing this Response, please charge any fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

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